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- Praga Automobile Plant in Prague-Vysocany is the main plant of Praga National Enterprise, which is subordinate to the Central Management of the Automobile and Aircraft Industry National Enterprise (CZAL) in Frague. This plant was formerly part of Ceskomoravska Kolben Danek (CKD). The main repair plant for Praga vehicles is located in Prague-Liben. The Vysocany plant is managed by Hanus, a Czech. The Security Officer is Novak; the chief of the fire brigade is Vyborny. The plant militia consists of about 130 men, trained with rifles.
- The plant produces types RN and RND 2 ton trucks at a rate of thirteen trucks per day. It also produces six-cylinder\TND trucks at a rate of two per day, type A-150 lg-ton delivery cars at a rate of four per day and busses for civilian use. The RN type truck is powered by a sixcylinder gasoline engine, the RND is powered by a four-cylinder Diesel engine. Both the TND and A-150 are powered by gasoline engines. The RN and RND trucks are outfitted as mobile medical stations and radio cars and delivered to the Army. The busses are sold for domestic civilian use and are exported to other satellite countries.
- The main difficulty in Praga production is in the pressing shop as a result of the poor quality of the steel plate. There is a serious shortage of Diesel engine injectors, which are supplied by PAL, Prague-Kbely. The machinery in the Praga plant is rather old, having been supplied to the factory mainly during the German occupation. ** In the press shop there is a new British-built oil pressure operated press.
- In the military automobile workshops in Prelouc (051/M58) the RN and A-150 vehicles built by Fraga are equipmed with radio sets. These workshops also repair and adapt eircraft engines for use in tanks, and make repairs to tanks and military vehicles.

Comment: On the "heavy" production line either RN or RND trucks are produced, not both at one time. On the "light" production line either TND or A-150 vehicles are produced, not both at one time. Therefore, it is not 25X1A possible to state monthly production figures on the basis of daily capacity.

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Comment: This apparently means that the machinery was old when given to Praga. Some of it was supplied to the factory in exchange for machinery removed by the Germans.

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